Implementation of tribal development programmes

†1641. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribal development programmes are being implemented at a very slow pace;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any special steps to expedite them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The tribal development programmes are implemented primarily through the State Governments/UT Administrations. The major problem faced in implementation of tribal development programmes implemented through this Ministry is late release of funds by the State Government concerned.

We are trying to speed up process of implementation of schemes by taking up the matter with the Finance and Planning Departments of the State Governments and through visits by officers of the Ministry to discuss the matter with the Chief Secretary and other officials of the State Governments to ensure prompt release of funds by the State Governments to the Departments who would be executing the schemes in the field.

Periodic meetings with the State Government officials are also held to review the progress of implementation.

Modification of Tribal Area Development Scheme

†1642. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to modify the existing Tribal Area Development Scheme by linking it with upliftment of tribal people;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) No specific "Tribal Area Development Scheme", is under implementation by

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